

February 16, 2010

ADDENDUM #2 TO
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVITATION FOR BID
#HWY-309446-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for further evaluation results for the Approved Equivalent requests on the 17, 20 & 21- Passenger Gas Cutaway Buses pertaining to the bus configurations per the attached forms.

As a result of this finding, the bid opening date has been extended to: FEBRUARY 22, 2010 @ 2:00 pm. Any vendors that have sent in bids for this project and want them returned may call Richele Parkhurst at (406) 657-0274 or rparkhurst@mt.gov email.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309446-RP and Addendum #1.

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

_____ (Vendor Signature)

_____ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #2.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program or activity of the Department. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request. For further information call Richele Parkhurst at (406) 657-0274 Voice or 1-800-335-7592 TTY or TTY (406) 444-7696.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM

IFB NO: HWY#309446

NAME OF BIDDER: Dean Walle, IMC

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: Fergus County Floor Plan Revision Request

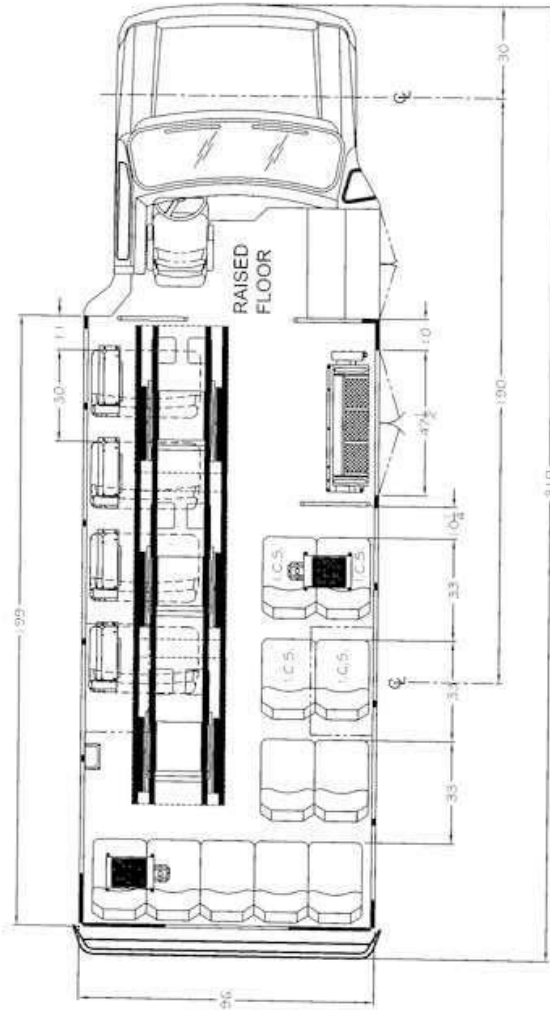
TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: 21 Passengers and 3 Wheelchairs plus Driver

PAGES & REFERENCE: 3

BIDDERS REQUEST:

The 21-Passenger Valley County bus configuration significantly exceeds manufacturer's weight analysis tolerances in particularly, the rear street-side of the bus resulting in a non compliance. With removal of the rearmost foldaway seat and overhead storage, this vehicle will pass most body manufacturers' weight analysis requirements.

The following is an example of an alternative floor plan. This vehicle is capable of seating 19 ambulatory passengers, a driver and 3 wheelchairs.



MDT RESPONSE:

MDT places the highest level of priority on safety, and concurs that the Valley County vehicle configuration is unacceptable. In attempt to curtail future vehicle operation/safety problems the MDT approves the request for the deletion of the rearmost foldaway seat, the deletion of the overhead storage rack, and the alternative 19-passeger and 3 wheelchairs floor plan. These revisions shall apply to ONLY the two (2), 21-passenger Valley County buses.

NOTE:

Any request for an Approved Equal or Exception to the Specifications must be fully supported with technical data, test results and any other information available, as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the Specifications/Requirements. MDT may require a bidder offering a substitute to supply additional descriptive material, a sample and/or a demonstration.